

**Probation Committee
Judicial Conference of Indiana**

**Minutes
August 27, 2010**

The Probation Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana met at the Indiana Judicial Center in Indianapolis, Indiana on August 27, 2010.

1. **Members present.** The following members of the Probation Committee were present: Matthew Bailey, Thomas Felts, Thomas Lett, Jane Miller, Robert Mrzlack, Mark Smith and Mark Stoner, chair.
2. **Staff present.** Jenny Bauer, Bob Champion and Michelle Goodman provided staff assistance to the Committee.
3. **Approval of minutes.** The minutes from the April 2010 meeting were approved.
4. **Justice Reinvestment Project.** The Committee participated in a joint meeting with the Criminal Law Committee and the Problem Solving Courts Committee as part of Indiana's Justice Reinvestment Project. Representatives from the Council of State Government's Justice Center met with the committees to discuss the project and gather information from the judges on Indiana's criminal courts.
5. **Risk Assessment Training Update.** Michelle Goodman reported that the training for the juvenile risk assessment instrument is complete and the schedule for the adult trainings will begin in early September. Fifty-two trainings on the adult risk assessment are scheduled to go through December. The implementation date for the juvenile risk assessment Incite application is October 1st. The adult implementation date is January 1, 2011.
6. **Probation Administration Issues.** Bob Champion reported that Ryan Shell applied to take the probation officer examination and checked that he did not have an arrest. His criminal record check showed that he had a court case for minor in possession of alcohol. Ryan explained to Mr. Champion that he had asked someone in the Wabash County Courts if he had to report the arrest because the case was handled as a diversion and they told him he did not need to report it. The Committee decided unanimously to allow Ryan Shell to re-apply to take the exam in one year. The committee also discussed the broader issue of the application question asking for information regarding "arrests". Ms. Bauer stated that an issue has come up in the past where an applicant has not reported an "arrest" because the person was summoned to juvenile court for committing a delinquent act. She said that being summoned to court is not the same as being arrested. Judge Mrzlack suggested looking at how the question regarding arrests

is asked on the Indiana bar exam application. The committee will work on drafting new language for the application after reviewing the bar exam language.

7. **Thanks to outgoing members.** Judge Stoner announced that he and Judge Perrone will complete his term on the Probation Committee in September. He thanked the Committee members for their service and said he had been honored to serve as chair for the Committee.
8. **Next meeting.** The next meeting of the Probation Committee is scheduled for October 22, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

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